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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement together with Form 1449, incorporated herein by reference, to bring to the Examiner's attention the references listed herein.

U.S. Publications/Patents

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2,975,102	Teruo Matsumura et al.	March 14, 1961
4,282,204	Glyn O. Phillips et al.	August 4, 1981
4,840,787	Grollier	June 20, 1989
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The references listed herein were recently cited in a European Search Report for a corresponding PCT application and brought to Applicants attention within the last three months. Attached is a copy of the International Search Report. It is respectfully requested that the foregoing information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with an indication that such information has been considered. Applicants believe that no fee is due.

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